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Rockefeller, Rahall to attend drug court graduation

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MADISON, W.Va. – U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller and Congressman Nick Rahall are scheduled to attend a ceremony honoring graduates of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit Drug Court at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at the Coal Heritage Museum in Madison.

One adult from Lincoln County and three adults from Boone County will graduate on Wednesday.

The circuit's drug court program was established in 2008 and is one of twenty Adult Drug Courts covering thirty counties in nineteen judicial circuits in West Virginia. There also are sixteen Juvenile Drug Courts covering twenty counties in fifteen judicial circuits.

Drug courts serve eligible substance-abusing or drug-addicted offenders who receive treatment and other services in lieu of going through traditional justice system case processing.

The goal of adult drug courts is to help participants overcome addictions that led them to commit crimes, thus improving the quality of life for them and their families. Turning people who might have become repeat offenders into productive citizens also improves public safety and can be more cost-effective and humane than incarceration for those who have committed non-violent crimes and are a low to moderate risk to the community.

Prosecutors and judges choose which offenders may participate in adult drug courts.

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